

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendment of the Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to replace "comprising" with "consisting essentially of", as suggested by the Examiner during a telephone interview graciously granted to the undersigned attorney. Claim 1, and therefore the claims dependent thereon, are believed to now be in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 was found by the Examiner to define patentable subject matter, but was objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim. Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of claim 1 and of intervening claim 3, and is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. As amended, independent claim 14 is the equivalent of allowable claim 1/3/14.

Claim 15 depends from claim 14 and is therefore in condition for allowance.

New claim 23 is an independent claim and is equivalent to allowable claim 1/8/14.

New claim 24 is dependent from new claim 23 and provides parallel coverage to claim 15.

Inasmuch as the claims have been amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that this amendment after final rejection is properly enterable.

A notice of appeal from the final rejection has been filed in order to keep the application pending during the Examiner's consideration of this response.

Allowance of Claims

The allowance of claims 11, 16-18 and 20-22 is noted.